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SUBJECT: RECENT US-RELATED MEDIA COVERAGE IN ZAIRE

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1. IN GENERAL, RECENT DAILY PRESS COVERAGE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION NOT UNKIND TO US. PRESS CONTINUES TO ASSERT THAT "PEACE IN THE WORLD RESTS IN THE HANDS OF THE GREAT POWERS." JEELIMAN OCT 24).

2. HOWEVER, ZAIRE MAGAZINE (CIRC APPROXIMATELY 18,000) IN ITS 22 OCTOBER ISSUE, DEVOTED ALMOST FULLY TO MOBUTU UN SPEECH AND MIDDLE EAST, CARRIES ACCUSATION THAT "ANXIOUS TO SAVE ISRAEL FROM A MILITARY DEBACLE, THE USA HAS JUST INTERVENED BRUTALLY IN THE CONFLICT. US FIGHTERS ARE TAKING OFF FROM AIRCRAFT CARRIERS OF THE 6TH FLEET AND OPERATING IN THE GOLAN SECTOR. AMERICAN RULING CIRCLES HAVE TURNED A DEAF EAR TO PRESSING APPEALS FROM THE AFRICAN BLOC ASKING THEM NOT TO FURNISH ARMS TO ISRAEL."

3. FYI: STORY APPARENTLY REITERATION OF SALONGO PIECE

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OCTOBER 13 (REFTEL, PARA 3, 4) CONTAINING MIDEAST PRESS AGENCY

ACCUSATION THAT AMERICAN PHANTOMS "HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE BOMBARDMENT OF EGYPTIAN POSITIONS." CONTENTION NEVER FOLLOWED UP OR REPEATED IN DAILY PRESS.

4. ZAIRE TV OCTOBER 21 CARRIED FILMED SEGMENT MOBUTU TRIP TO DISNEYWORLD, ORLANDO, FLORIDA, IN WHICH AMB. VANCE APPEARS PROMINENTLY. THIS THIRD MOBUTU US VISIT RELATED TV FILM, TO APPEAR, PREVIOUS TWO BEING MOBUTU NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON VISITS. ALL THREE FILMS OF PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL AND JOURNALISTIC QUALITY.
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